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## Houston Gushes in Texas Flatlands

HOUSTON, Tex. (May 11) — This is where the big hats begin, a flat, earthy sort of town, full of robust earthy people who have not yet acquired the "air" of the Atlantans or the sophistication of the N'Awleaneans. But it is a fabulous place when you get a second look.

Over its broad, well planned streets tower gigantic new buildings — hotels, office structures, department stores of stupendous proportions — with more rising, in spite of defence stringencies. There's no mellow beauty here. It's a raw-boned giant, this city.

From a high window you look out over a flat sea of city in every direction. You wonder how'n hell it ever came to be at this particular spot. Then you notice ocean vessels moving through the prairie.

"Sure, they dug a ship channel all the way from Galveston, 50 miles south, and took away most of Galveston's shipping, and a lot from San Francisco, New Orleans and other great harbors. They claim to handle more ocean going tonnage here than any other port except New York."

Oil! Sure, this is Texas oil country. In addition to grain, rice, sugar, forage, livestock and all the products of the plains. Even some lumber out of the bayous. But it was the oil and natural gas — carbon, which is Oregon's greatest lack — that brought in all kinds of industry, steel, chemicals, fabrication, construction, heavy stuff.

It dawns on you that this is one of those towns which prove the statement that:

"Great cities are created mainly by the characters who have happened to live there."

This is the town where the famous Jesse Jones, the financial power of the Roosevelt administration (FD's) publishes the Chronicle, and he wasn't a bit bashful about dipping it out for Texas. And the svelt Oveta Culp Hobby (she was Chief WAC in World War II) publishes the Post.

They've persuaded the great Prudential Life to move its main office to Houston and build a gigantic palace.

There is Glenn McCarthy, the oil man who has just put many millions into the Shamrock hotel, with its shamrock-shaped swimming pool and other extreme luxury appurtenances. So far it doesn't seem to hurt trade at the 2,000-room Rice and other big downtown hostleries. They say:

"McCarthy's after the luxury trade and he'll get it."

This morning we got an eyeful of that. There was a cowboy orchestra and a squad of richly appurtened and curvacious "cowgirls" waiting for a special trainload of bankers from the east.

(For the first time in this life we were mistaken for a banker and almost got towed

to the Shamrock. The gals said "Come anyway." We figured the Friendly SP mightn't like it if we missed the Sunset.)

With LeBeau and his wife (Lev Wright's daughter Anne) we had a tour of the city, including the miles of modern docks, where ships from all nations haul up in line to unload, proceed to the turning basin, take on a new load and are headed back to the Gulf of Mexico by way of the canal which is like a street of ships.

There are miles of super-boulevards flanked by the ornate homes of the very rich, and there are lots of very rich, so many that they classify them as Big and Little Millionaires.

Of necessity there are lots of humbler homes, and there are spreading slums (although they have done considerable with low cost housing projects). In this town they speak of Mexicans as "a problem." The Mexicans are not segregated as are the Negroes, but they are usually desperately poor, and poverty brings its usual results.

Houston is education conscious. Its rich have given lavishly to Rice and Baylor and the new Houston University and they are content with nothing less than big-time in sports. There is a vast modern county hospital; the Methodists, the Baptists and the Lutherans have magnificent new hospitals, and the town is crying for more. It aims to be the greatest medical center in the west-south.

There is much competition, especially among the Protestant sects, in costly and ornate buildings. The Baptists boast the biggest congregation and Sunday school in the country for this town.

(Architecturally, they ignore traditions. The Episcopalians have a magnificent colonial that might have been transplanted from New England and the Methodists have a classic Gothic that might have come from England.)

Cultural contrasts: They are having a "double bill" in Houston this weekend with Metropolitan Opry at one end of town and Billy Graham at the other. Meantime they seem to manage a new murder for each edition.

Houston is gauche, brawling and gaudy (in spots) — a sort of Los Angeles of the South — and proud of it. Perhaps the fashions in eating are significant. Houston has many fine eateries, but they do not tempt you with exotic delicacies and plain catsup is the prevailing sauce. No sir, this is a town where they stick to STEAKS.

It's the headquarters of a red-hot Eisenhower movement, and there's even considerable support for Taft. They're fed up with Truman and New Deal (having gotten a big share of the boondoggling). They're not enthusiastic about Kefauver, and Russell just doesn't click. It is a fabulous city, one which only Americans could create.

## Marquis Childs

### India Growing As New Nation

WASHINGTON—No news is not necessarily, in the troubled time in which we live, the equivalent of good news. In many areas, and notably in the Middle East, the steady and yet almost unreported drift is in the direction of deterioration and breakdown.

It is convenient to forget these matters until a new "crisis" is reflected in blazing headlines. This can take the form of the overthrow of a government friendly to the West, of rioting and violence. These events come with the shock of surprise. By the time they happen, it is often too late to take the steps that might have averted the crisis.

For many months there has been comparatively little news out of India. And the reason in this instance may well be the fact that good news does not make headlines. In many fields India has made remarkable progress along the difficult road from colonialism to independent statehood.

ALTHOUGH it was scarcely noted in the press here, nationwide elections were held not long ago which were on a larger scale than ever before in the history of the democratic process. More than 105 million people voted. A large proportion were illiterate, and yet the ballots were designated in such a way that candidates and parties were distinguished by an electorate that is reported to have taken the keenest interest in voting.

The elections were orderly and the great majority voted for Prime Minister Nehru and the Congress Party. And because the Communists with their customary shrewd strategy concentrated their strength in South India, about five per cent of the deputies chosen for the national parliament will be Communists. The Socialists polled about 10 per cent of the total vote, but this was widely scattered and they will have only a tiny representation at New Delhi.

But the real lesson of the election seems to be inherent in the attitude of the great majority who voted for Nehru. They felt, it is reported, that in view of all the troubles of the past five years it would be unfair to pass any final judgment on him or on his government. Let him, so they reasoned, have more time to show what he can do.

OBVIOUSLY, then, the next four to five years is a crucial period. If the Nehru government can show some real improvement in the standards of living for even part of the people, there is continuing hope for freedom and democracy in India. But if this does not happen, the Communists with their glittering promises and their elementary persuasiveness will almost certainly come to power. In short, the time to help save India from communism is now rather than after the black headlines herald a new crisis of violence.

These are signs that this is recognized. Sen. Owen Brewster (Rep.) of Maine was so impressed by what he saw in India of the industrial experiment at Faridabad that he invited its initiator, Sudhir Ghosh, to visit this country. An associate of Gandhi, the 36-year-old Ghosh is now in this country looking at industrial and waterpower projects as well as talking with members of Congress in Washington.

Some months ago the American ambassador in New Delhi, Chester Bowles, made a flying trip to this country to suggest on his own initiative a five-year program of technical assistance from the United States. The cost would be about \$200,000,000 a year. Bowles argued that this would supply the needed margin of outside help without which an Indian "operations bootstrap" could hardly succeed.

BOWLES HIMSELF brought about a remarkable change in Indian-American relations. He has gained the confidence of the complex and highly sensitive Nehru. Even more important, he has traveled over thousands and thousands of miles of the great sub-continent in order to try to know the Indian people at every level. Some such program as Bowles has suggested is unquestionably essential. It would supplement the impressive projects launched by the Indian government. No one can say whether anything like the Bowles proposal will be approved in view of the disruption of partisan politics in this election year.

But if nothing is done, if India is conveniently forgotten, then no one should be surprised two, three or however many years from now at the sudden flare-up of a crisis. Wheat out of the loan voted by Congress last year is still being shipped to India. The food situation is improved. This is, however, a temporary plateau. The way leads either up or down, and America can do much to help determine which it is to be.

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### So They Say—

Let's give the game back to the players, rather than have all the plans made for us in advance. — Maj.-Gen. Roscoe B. Woodruff, commander of the 15th Corps, after "Operation Longhorn" maneuvers in Texas.

We (the human race) become specialized so much that we are educated to become brains on wheels—Queen Juliana of the Netherlands.

We have been too indiscriminate in authorizing practically any kind of investigation a congressman dreams up. — Congressman Thomas B. Stanley (D., Va.), chairman House Administration committee.

I have always addressed my art to the mature mind and perhaps it is too adult for the boys at this school (Harvard). — Actress Corinne Calvet after being voted the worst actress of 1951 by the Harvard "Lampoon."

Play it cool, keep your heads down and you'll get back here, too.—Cpl. Freddie Leon Clark, 200,000th vet to be rotated from Korea, giving advice to buddies back in Korea fox-holes.

## Editor's Mailbag

### CEMETERY WORK

COTTAGE GROVE — (To the Editor)—First of all, I want to thank the Register-Guard for any publicity it is giving the worthy project of preparing the Cottage Grove Cemetery for Memorial Day. Also especially those who have so far contributed their share without being solicited, since the writer has to mail 200, and sometimes more, personal cards to notify the lot owners of our Annual Cleanup as we have no other source of revenue than their contributions.

We want to thank Miss Eunice Van Galin, to whom goes the honor of the first one to contribute, without being notified. The Van Galin family have never failed since 1922 in their support of this work. She is also the most distant, to contribute, who we have received from far and near, many contributions. Mrs. Dale Kintley, of Honeydew, Calif. (sounds good, maybe there is where they grow honeydew melons), formerly Harriet Ostrander, the youngest member of that family after whom Ostrander Lane in Cottage Grove is named, also mailed her share, which she has done for several years now.

Last year, Wilshire Bristow of Bristow's Jewelry Shop, in Eugene, sent us a generous \$10 check for the general work. While he was born here, his family have no plot in our cemetery. He said he thought there should be a law to take care of rural cemeteries in Oregon, since so many are neglected. The writer agrees with him. Mrs. Kitty Kime Ditto of Portland, sent me a lovely Thank You note, stating she was glad to be reminded of this annual work and contributed a generous check.

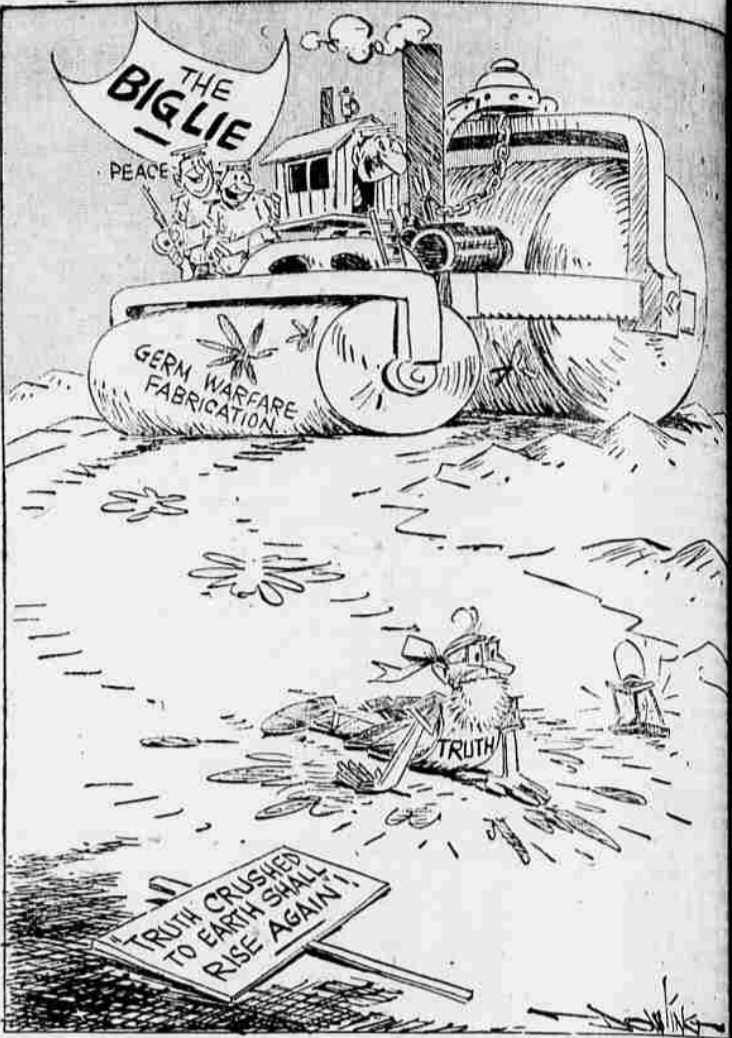
Mrs. Ruth St. Clair, post mistress at Dorena, a good friend of mine, contributed 25 extra post cards when I purchased some from her. She said, that will put 30 minutes work on the general clean-up, since it will save 50c on your postal bill. She has no lot in this cemetery, as her little boy, Carl, who was accidentally shot at Culp Creek, is buried in an Idaho cemetery, of which she says, "Carl's grave has such beautiful care. The cemetery is all landscaped, and really a show place for beauty. The city maintains it along with their parks. Many women's clubs donate plants and work to help keep it in shape. Each grave has a choice rose bush, red for men, pink for women, and white for children." A wonderful idea! Why can't we do that? I have noted that flowers and shrubs grow beautifully, even those, which don't do so well in my own garden, without much care, in our cemetery, except God's care. Maybe He particularly cares for His acreage.

Due to the fact that a lumber company who were supposed to remove all trash and debris from their logging operations on the north east hill of our cemetery, when they were given valuable timber there, failed to do so, we now have a trash pile as high as Hammon was hung, and may have to ask the City Fire Dept. for help in burning this. They shifted it to our annual trash pile, or piled it along the cemetery fences. This was a worthy project to clear the land, for additional burial space.

Personally I am in favor of leaving the trees up there where they grew them. LET'S ALL WORK TO BEAUTIFY THE CEMETERY. NOT MUTILATE IT.

Send or mail your contribution as soon as possible so that we may hire the necessary labor.

Cottage Grove Cemetery Assn.



which we need, but it backfired! It is now only a stump ground.

As Joyce Kilmer wrote:  
I think I'll never see,  
A poem lovely as a tree"  
and concluded with these words:  
Poems are written by fools  
like me,  
But only God can make a tree."

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### Ex-Governor Backs Eisenhower, Kefauver

PORTLAND — (AP) — Oswald West, former governor of Oregon, celebrated his 79th birthday here Tuesday.

West, a Democrat, was governor from 1911 to 1915. He has maintained a keen interest in politics and had this to say of the present presidential race:

"If God still reigns, and wishes to preserve this government from crooks and wasters, he will direct the Republicans to nominate Eisenhower and the Democrats Kefauver and will leave them free to select their own running mates."

### GI Insurance Payment Due

WASHINGTON — (AP) — More than 380,000 veterans and servicemen received a 1952 National Service Life Insurance dividend check in the first month of the payment, officials said Tuesday. Nearly five million veterans are scheduled to get dividends.

The checks started going out April 15. Of the 200 million dollars to be paid, more than 13 million had been mailed to policyholders by May 15.

The VA says the great bulk of the dividends will be \$60.

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## So 'Deadwood Dave' Doesn't Wanna Bet!

Any betting man would say that the "odds" of 10 to 1 which Norman Cousins offered Dave Hoover in the "whoopink" contest were extremely liberal, and certainly the proposition of Mr. Cousins to let that other famous Hoover — the FBI's J. Edgar — be the sole judge, was convincing. But our "Deadwood Dave" won't play, says a poor farmer like him can't afford it.

(Several persons have suggested that some of the Big Money boys who financed Dave's campaign for the U. S. Senate should come forward now to rescue him from this embarrassment, but so far no such patriots have appeared. It has also been suggested that if Mr. Cousins would reduce his challenge to 10 bucks to 1, maybe Our Dave would consent to play, but that is strictly up to Mr. Cousins.)

As things stand, the fiery little editor of Saturday Review is "the wannab and new champeen" in this game of "put up or shut up" — and this paper intends to act on that verdict.

Not that we mean to curtail the right of Deadwood Dave or any other inhabitant to write Mailbag letters on topics of the day. We simply intend to eliminate those letters which, in our judgment, contain unsupported charges or possible slanders against any person or organization.

This paper has always been more liberal than most in permitting its readers to express themselves forcefully, and at times we have accepted letters — including some of Dave Hoov-

er's — which were calculated risks, covered only by the broad principle that in public controversies there is a wider "privilege" than in private affairs.

The problem, however, is not so much one of risks as of plain ethics and decency:

"Shall any person be allowed to use the privileges of the Mailbag for smear campaigns?"

That, we feel, we must try to prevent. It is one thing to permit John Jones to make bold charges against Bill Smith for his derelictions as a public servant. It is another thing to permit John Jones to wage a prolonged warfare with undocumented assertions and insinuations.

(Mr. Hoover will probably retort that many of his charges are taken from printed documents and the statements of men in high public places, such as Senator McCarthy. We shall not object to quotes in proper context, but we must insist that our contributors be reasonably fair, not depending exclusively on the vast current literature of abuse.)

The Mailbag is one of the most interesting and important features of the paper. We have always believed and still believe that the restrictions on letter writers should be as few as possible, but we must insist on fair play.

It's a tough job to read all these letters, but only the editor can be the judge. In a way, Mr. Cousins' challenge to "Deadwood Dave" was also a rebuke to us.

## Joe Richards

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